Erra Paters Prophesy or Frost Faire 1683

Old Erra Pater, or his rambling Ghost,
Prognosticating of this long strong frost,
Some Ages past, Said, y^t^e y^e Ice-bound Thames
Shou'd prove a Theatre for Sports and Games;
Her Watry Green be turn'd into a Bare,
For Men a Citty seem, for Booths a Faire;

And now this Straggling Sprite is once more come
To Visit Mortalls and foretel their doom:
When Maids grow modesty Dissenting Crew
Become all Loyal, the Falsehearted true,
Then you may probably, and not til then
Expect in England such a Frost a gen.

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